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Newsletter for East District UMW
March 2020

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Greetings UMW Sisters!

Thank you Local Organization Officers for bringing your “light” at our Local Leadership Training (LLT) on January 25 at Chino UMC. Your shine indeed set the tone for the day. We had a good turnout of approximately 70 leaders, training classes well received, outstanding speaker, Suanne Ware-Diaz, who emphasized the strength of our women as we unite in our purpose and missions and to also be vigilant in our self-care. We had such a welcoming Chino UMW ladies and church host. Thank you for the beautiful setting, delicious lunch, and amazing hospitality.

The Mid-Winter Event at Simi Valley UMC in February was a great event – guest speaker, Ms. Carol Barton, from the National UMW, had such an impactful presentation on “Economic Inequality – Living Wage for All,” which had us in the audience participating and connecting about this important issue. Once again we see Faith, Hope, Love in Action as United Methodist Women are involved in making a difference by addressing this social action issue. Thank you Cal-Pac Conference, National, and local church host Simi Valley UMW/UMC for this program. More information is available on the UMW website https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wages/tools-and-resources on this topic.

Since then, how a short time can change our way of life from day by day – with the onset of the Corona Virus (COVID-19), we are now encountering such uncertain and complex situations. We must be mindful and vigilant of our health and safety and be cautionary. We are cautioned to stay at home as much as possible. We pray for those that have been affected. We are also seeing the resiliency of our fellow brothers and sisters—how we find alternative ways to connect, to congregate (i.e., video conferencing, ZOOM meetings, Facebook messages, etc.). Thanks to technological means, we are able to keep in contact with our family, friends, our UMW sisters...There is our Light that always provides through dark times. Let us be in prayer together.

**East District UMW Information UPDATES**

- **CANCELLED** - UMW’s Social Action Event on April 25, 2020 – “HOPE4YOUTH”

In light of the situation on the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and that we must be vigilant and be cautionary regarding our safety and health, the East District Leadership Team has decided to CANCEL the April 25, 2020 Social Action Event, Hope4Youth. We will notify you with further updates. Let us pray and be mindful for each other’s health and safety during this uncertain time. May God bless us all.

- **Cal-Pac Conference UMW Directories 2020**

The new Cal-Pac Conference UMW 2020 Directories have been sent out to the local organization Presidents/Contacts. If you have any corrections/changes that need to be
made, please contact our East District UMW Secretary, Margie Schriener at margieschriener@yahoo.com or call her at (760) 898-9815. If you have not received the directory by March 30, please notify me at juleton@sbcglobal.net or call at 626-862-2756. We are asking that you send in $5 to our UMW East District Treasurer, Freda Low, to offset the printing costs. Check made payable to East District UMW and mailed to Freda Low at 8437 Village Lane, Rosemead, CA 91770.

Postponed - Western Jurisdiction UMW Event at Tempe, AZ – April 17-19, 2020

Due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) situation and concerns for everyone’s health and safety, the Western Jurisdiction Event that was scheduled on April 17-19, 2020 at Tempe, Arizona, has been postponed. The new dates are set for September 11-13, 2020. Here are the statements that was received from the Western Jurisdiction UMW through e-mail:

Latest Statement

“In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, United Methodist Women announced on Tuesday that there would be changes to the major events scheduled for March through May of this year. Because you were registered for the Jurisdictional Event in Tempe you should have received an email regarding this. If you missed it, go back and check your email for more information.

Yes, our event will take place in Tempe. The new dates are are set for Sept. 11-13. Please get these new dates on your calendar. We are asking you to DO NOTHING regarding your registration until you receive an official notice. Please be patient as this situation is still fluid and will require some time to get all things sorted out. We WILL get things sorted out and we WILL have an AMAZING CELEBRATION.

To be in compliance with our Constitution, the election of National Directors must take place before the General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets and as you know General Conference has also been postponed. Elections will in all probability be done regionally in an online format. If you are a voting delegate, please be patient. We will get information to you as soon as we know how this is going to work. For those of you who are nominees for the 2021-2024 Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team, your election will take place in Tempe during the Event.”

Previous Statement

“Statement from United Methodist Women re Jurisdiction Events & Mission U

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, United Methodist Women today announced changes for two of its major program events scheduled for March through May 2020.

The organization will seek to reschedule four of its five quadrennial Jurisdiction events where members elect United Methodist Women’s Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group members. Also, the organization is exploring online distance learning resources for those registered for its annual national Mission U training events for conference study leaders. Additional information about these events is forthcoming.

As people of faith, our first commitment is to the health and safety of our members and the women,
children and families we serve. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot, in good conscience, continue regular convenings. This decision aligns with the guidance of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s call for postponement or cancelation of gatherings of more than 50 persons.

The four Jurisdiction events include United Methodist Women’s South Central Jurisdiction, Western Jurisdiction, Southeast Jurisdiction and the Northeast Jurisdiction. As of now, the North Central Jurisdiction event in Sioux Falls from June 26 – 28 will still take place. Additional information is forthcoming regarding the potential new dates and election plans.

For individuals who have registered for a postponed jurisdiction event but cannot attend the new date, we will offer an opportunity to transfer registrations. We are unable to offer refunds. This is consistent with our current cancellation policy.

Please note this situation is fluid. Should federal or state governments issue, advise or strongly recommend that social distancing remain in place for longer than expected, we will govern ourselves accordingly. We will notify registrants as soon as possible if a change of plans occur.

It goes without saying that this is a situation none of us could have anticipated or imagined. The rapid spread of the COVID-19 has rightly inspired pause and fear. There is legitimate concern for our families, vulnerable community members, persons suffering from the illness, and the children and older people entrusted to our care. While we endure a season of behavior modification, we must hold fast to our faith, our calling and our mission to put faith, hope and love into action. Even as we look to the government for guidance, we want the broader community to look to us, and see in us, a beacon of light in these uncertain times. We will remain prayerful, vigilant and hopeful.

Should you have questions in reference to the jurisdiction events, please direct them to jurisdictions2020@unitedmethodistwomen.org. Questions about Mission u’s can be directed to mission.u@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

- 2019 UMW Census – Deadline changed to April 30, 2020
The 2019 Census should be completed by the Local Organization President or LO member. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2020 – check the following website: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019. If you still have questions, please contact Melinda Songco, East District UMW Membership Coordinator at damelin_23@yahoo.com

- POSTPONED Mission u – July 24-26, 2020
We have just been notified that Mission u, scheduled to be held on July 24-26, 2020 at Azusa Pacific University has been POSTPONED. We will update you when we have further news.

Thanks be to God for all of you who does so much for United Methodist Women. Prayers to all for your health and safety. Have a blessed Easter.

Blessings,
Julie Asuncion.
East District UMW President
Dear UMW Sisters,

Spring is in the air and Easter is just around the corner.

Our East District pledge for 2019 was $85,000.00 and we sent $64,391.00 falling short to meet our pledge. For 2020 our pledge is $85,000.00 and we look forward to meet the pledge this year 2020.

The Local Leadership Training was held at Chino UMC on January 25, 2020. During the program 5 Star and/or 60/40 certificates were presented to local organizations. Congratulation to the following UMW organization that received certificates for the year 2019:

5 Stars and 60/40 Certificates
Chino
First Filipino American UMW of San Gabriel
New Beginnings
Shepherd of the Valley Indio
Twenty-Nine Palms
Yucca Valley

Church of the Foothills
Palm Springs
Shepherd of the Hills Monterey Park
Whittier First

5 Stars Certificates
Banning
Church of the Good Shepherd Claremont
Corona
Fullerton
Grace
Riverside First
Walnut
Wrightwood
Barstow
Rancho Cucamonga
Glendora
Redlands First
Victorville
Riverside Wesley
Yorba Linda

Certificates were mailed to the organization that were not able to attend the event. During the training class local Treasurer’s received information packages. If you would like the information package, please email or call me at the contact information below.

Do you know which missions are National Missions? If you answered, Neighborhood House (Calexico), Toberman Neighborhood Center (San Pedro), David and Margaret (La Verne), and Susannah Wesley Community Center (Hawaii) you are correct. In addition, Cal Pac Conference also supports two Local Projects which are Methodist Hospital (Arcadia) and New Entra Casa (San Diego). Monies for these Missions (National Mission and Local Projects) should be sent to the District Treasurer. Any other missions are considered as Local Mission and you should send monies directly to the mission that was selected.

Blessings,
Freda Low, East District UMW Treasurer
News from your Secretary,

Winter is almost over and I am enjoying seeing the beautiful blossoms on all our fruit trees which God has created and gifted to my husband and I. Spring is almost here. Thank you to all of you who attended Officers Training in Chino. It was wonderful to get to share with you and I hope you all took something home that will be useful in your tenure as Secretary. If you were not able to attend the training and have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at margieschriener@yahoo.com or call me at 760-898-9815.

I hope many of you will be able to attend our District Social Action event on April 25, 2020 at Riverside First UMC in Riverside. A wonderful program is being planned on the “School to Prison Pipeline” and our Foster Care system so you won’t want to miss this event. I always look forward to meeting my UMW sisters in our East District. See you there! (THIS EVENT IS NOW CANCELLED!)

The Conference UMW 2020 Directory has been mailed to the local unit Presidents and Contacts—please notify me if there are any changes/corrections.

Margie Schriener

East District UMW Secretary
“Behind the Kitchen Door” by Saru Jayaraman is a bonus book from the 2015 Reading Program. Two friends recommended it to me, and because it deals with social action, I determined to read it. I wasn't very far into the book before I realized that as a young 16-year old, in my very first job, I had been the victim of wage theft. Who knew? And it took me over 50 years to discover it. The wage theft works like this. Only 7 states require food workers to be paid the full minimum wage, the remaining states allow a lower wage ($2.13) with the understanding that the remainder of the pay will come from tips.

The problem with restaurants paying less than minimum wage is that sometimes those lower paid workers will not receive tips. The dishwashers, the bussers, the runners are all in positions that receive a very small portion (if any) of the tip you leave to your server. The restaurant industry holds 7 of the 11 lowest paying occupations, including the two at the very bottom of the wage heap.

Rejoice! California is one of the states that requires a full minimum wage for food handlers. Sadly, there are other restaurant industry practices that California law does not prevent. One of those is the segregation of people of color from the higher paying jobs (such as servers). Lighter skinned employees get more interaction with the customers. Darker skinned employees cook and wash dishes, and are often hidden from the customers’ view. The jobs performed by the darker skinned employees pay far less, and opportunities to move to the higher paid jobs are restricted. Gender discrimination is also a problem.

Few restaurants offer health care or sick days, virtually guaranteeing that sick employees will choose to work while sick in order to be able to pay their bills. They go to work sick, and they prepare and serve your food. The CDC has cited restaurants as the third most frequent setting for foodborne outbreaks.

What can you do? Say something to your restaurant manager. Support legislation that offers health care and sick days to food service workers. You can also review your restaurant: leaving positive reviews for those that you know offer sick days or color-blind hiring practices.

Blessings,
Lyn Knowles, Social Action Coordinator
Greetings,

First I would like to thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve Him at our East District UMW. I would like to express my gratitude to Liz Roark for helping me set up the altar and also providing candles and the tablecloth at Chino UMC. I am glad that everything went well at our Local Leadership Training. I must say that I was a little bit worried but God gave me the courage to do my work. The training part was also very good. I only had one participant. I thought that we would be finished in 30 minutes, but we ended on time. It was really a good session. Aside from the lesson, we were able to share some of our experiences in our spiritual growth.

I am blessed also at the visit in Moreno Valley UMC. I am so glad to see some friends there. Again thank you for all the support and encouragement.

Leah Paule
East District UMW, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Spanish Language Coordinator

Greetings,
The United Methodist Purpose in Spanish

La unidad organizada de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas es una comunidad cuyo propósito es conocer a Dios y experimentar libertad en la totalidad de sus vidas mediante Jesucristo; desarrollar un compañerismo creativo y de apoyo, y ampliar los conceptos de misión mediante la participación en los ministerios globales de la iglesia. (Spanish)

Blessings,
Mirian Hernandez
Spanish Language Coordinator
Greetings to all, my beloved sisters in Christ! I hope you all had a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season! Here is a prayer for a blessed New Year 2020 filled with hope for a healthy and safe year for all.

I welcome you to a fruitful and well read time. Yes, we had 11 churches participating in our Reading Program last year. We had 49 readers who read a total of 513 books. The following churches were able to submit names of readers:

Claremont (6)
Corona (13)
First Filipino-American (2)
Fullerton (4)
New Beginnings (5)
Palm Springs (3)
Rancho Cucamonga (4)
Riverside First (4)
Wesley UMC (6)
West Covina (1)
Wrightwood (1)

Thank you very much for your prompt response. I know there are other churches participating in our reading program but if you do not submit the information I need, I will fail to recognize you. This year, let us aim for more churches and readers to participate in our reading program! We did not get the banner for first place. At the Mid-Winter event Liz Martinez, our Conference RRM (Resources Room Manager) announced North District as the winner.

There is a rich resource of ideas, insights, nuggets, knowledge, and wisdom from the books suggested in our reading list. You can now choose beginning from 2015 list up to the present! How’s that? We can even exchange books with other local organizations aka units. Amazon and Kindle are resources for purchase. The library is another option for borrowing books! Enjoy reading! Let us embrace Proverbs 8:11: “I am Wisdom. I am better than jewels. Nothing you want can compare with Me!”

Aurora P. Garcia

East District UMW, Resource Room Manager
The deadline for our online National United Women Census 2019 is fast approaching- April 30 now. Make sure you get a confirmation notice, otherwise you may think that you have completed it. Also very often you may think that you have done the census when you completed the conference form 23 which is also done online now. For those units who still need to submit their 2019 census or those units who did not receive confirmations, please go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org and check on the green census box. If that does not work please give me call and I will walk you through it.

We missed most you at our CalPac UMW Midwinter Event in SimiValley UMC last February 22 probably because of the far distance from your church. Hope to see you in April 25 at Riverside First UMC for our East District Social Action Midwinter Event. Invite your friends too. Remember you are the light to reach especially the women in your church that are not able to attend the Sunday worship and your UMW meetings. Follow up with a phone call, text, email, card or even better visit.

Blessings,

Melinda M. Songco (626 552 6332)
Greetings from your Nominations Chair:

We had a great time at Chino UMC for our Leadership Training Event. It was a wonderful time to see and hear from old and new friends that we have or are still working with. The women at Chino UMC were wonderful hosts and our speaker, Susann Ware-Diaz reminded me of how important it is for each of us to step up and being a leader can be.

I know we are all busy. We feel we are stretched too far and can’t do one more thing. During this time of Lent, I want you to pray and think about how you serve. All the members on the East District are busy women and yet we have found time to be a part of the UMW. Please pray about considering the use of your gifts and talents on the district level. I am not going to say any of this is easy or doesn’t take much time, because that would not be true. But we are a team that supports one another. We having training for all areas. We don’t expect anyone to be an expert. We want women that love Jesus and want to have a new and different way of being the hands and feet of God in the world. We make a difference and I invite each of you to become a part of that difference. If you have any questions, contact me. I would love to talk to you.

Have a soul searching Lent and a wonderful Easter as we embark on a new journey. Blessings and peace.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Roark
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Gifts & Graces Inventory
Potential Leaders Information Form

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Home phone: ___________________________ Cell phone:______________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Member of Local Church:________________________________________________________

Age: 20’s___ 30’s___ 40’s___ 50’s___ 60’s___ 70’s___ 80’s___

Languages Spoken:________________ Racial/Ethnic Group:_______________________

Employed: No_______ Part Time_____ Full Time_____

Professional skills, job experience:
________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women: (please list office and date of service)

Local: ______________________________________________________________________

District: ______________________________________________________________________

Conference: ______________________________________________________________________

Jurisdiction: ______________________________________________________________________

Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than UMW), or in the community:______________________________

How will your spiritual journey strengthen your commitment to serve on the District: ______________________________________________________________________

Please return to Liz Roark: 695 Sequoia St., San Bernardino, CA 9240
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California-Pacific Conference United Methodist Women
Mission Today Criteria

To become a Mission Today Local Organization, the Local Organization (LO will be used instead of Local Organization below) must meet EIGHT (8) of the following criteria, including a minimum of FOUR (4) of those marked with an Asterisk (*).

Return: To Your District Mission Education Coordinator no later than December 15, 2019.

Mission Ed. Coord. Name, Address, E-mail:
_____________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Local Organization Name, Contact Name, E-mail / Phone:
_____________________________________________________________________________________________________

☐ * Use the Prayer Calendar at EACH general meeting of the LO to pray for persons in mission & for our mission work with women, children, & youth.

☐ * The LO will lead their members in the UMW purpose EACH meeting.

☐ * The LO will make and meet its pledge to mission.

☐ * The LO will add at least TWO members to its roll.

☐ * The LO will have at least TWO members subscribing to response magazine. (Order from the Mission Resource Center)

☐ * The LO will use TWO programs from the Program Book for UMW each year.

☐ * The LO, circle, or subgroup will conduct at least ONE Mission Study a year. (Contact your Dist. or Conf. to learn what the studies and textbooks are for each year).

☐ * The LO will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least TWO ways during the year. Suggested plans of action:

1. ENCOURAGING a joint Vacation Bible School.
2. ENCOURAGING pulpit exchanges.
3. SHARING joint worship services on special occasions.
4. ENCOURAGING support for equal employment practices in the church & community.
5. CONTACT your Conference Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies for further action plans.

☐ The LO will ADD or ENCOURAGE their LO’s Young Women’s or Youth Circle.

☐ The LO will ADD or ENCOURAGE their LO’s Language Group Circle.

☐ HOLD a joint LO meeting with a LO of a different racial/ethnic
background, using programs from the Program Book.

- At least **TWO** members of the LO other than a Conf. or Dist. officer will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration.

- At least **TWO** members of the LO will attend any Young Women’s Event in the Cal-Pac Conference.

- At least **FIVE** members of the LO will attend any event with emphasis on UMW 101 or any Language event in the Cal-Pac Conference.

- The LO will have at least **ONE** person join the United Methodist Women’s Action Network to receive & respond to legislative information. (To join, call the Women's Division Washington Office at (202) 488-5660 or write to UMW Action Network, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20002).

- Members shall write to **FIVE** persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year.

- The LO will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least **TWO** ways. Possibilities for action:
  1. HELP sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
  2. SPONSER a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund.
  3. GET INVOLVED with children in mentoring, tutoring, and "big sisters" programs.
  4. WRITE letters, e-mail, or call Congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
  5. LEARN how our schools are funded.

- The LO will be a Five Star LO, contributing to **ALL FIVE** channels of Mission Giving.

- Each LO, circle, or subgroup will include a mission moment where an article from Response or New World Outlook magazines will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.

- Have at least **TWO** persons from the LO, circle, or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on at least **ONE** of the books read.

- The LO will invite a Dist. or Conf. officer, other than a member of the LO, to **ONE** of the LO meetings during the year.

- Make a PLEDGE to care for God's creation and become a “Green” UMW LO (How to Become a Green LO at umwonline.org/environment or contact Women’s Division Office of Community Action).

- HOLD a Mini–Spiritual Growth Retreat (For addition information contact the Women’s Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology).

- The LO will have at least **TWO** persons visit one of the national mission sites within the Cal-Pac Conference.
**Mission Education Message**

I hope everyone is off to a successful new year. Thank you to those who attended my workshop at the Local Leadership Training in January. We had an opportunity to review the Mission Education and Interpretation position. Also, it was a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas of what each of the local units were doing.

I hope that each of you have already looked at the Mission Today criteria and are working toward the requirements. The following units received Mission Today certificates for 2019:

- First Fil-Am UMW
- Fullerton First UMW
- New Beginnings UMW
- Palm Springs UMW
- Redlands First UMW
- Riverside First UMW
- Shepherd of the Valley UMW
- Wesley UMW
- Wrightwood UMW
- Yorba Linda UMW

Let’s see if we can make that a lot larger in 2020. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way. I can be reached at the e-mail or phone listed below.

May God’s holy spirit guide you as you do the work you have been called to do.

Barbara Grode  
East District Mission Education Coordinator
AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

Keeping our connections with our UMW Sisters at our local organizations are a blessing. Here are activities as we visited “Around the Neighborhood” (prior to Corona Virus situation).

- Our East District UMW Leadership Team’s visit, including an honored presence from our Conference UMW President Diane Gin, at Moreno Valley UMC. Thanks for the Invitation extended by Conference UMW Mission Education Coordinator (and member of Moreno Valley UMC). We were greeted with warm welcome and amazing hospitality. We enjoyed the worship, fellowship, enjoyed the choir’s music, and sang joyfully with their Praise Worship Team.

- Our East District UMW Leadership Team members with Montebello UMW members at the Local Leadership Training Event at Chino UMC – “Let Your Light Shine.” Big Thank You to the Chino UMW for hosting with such grace and hospitality.
➢ East District UMW Secretary Margie Schriener installed officers of Palm Springs UMW. Joining them were ED Mission Education Coord Barbara Grode. All had a great time.

➢ Conference UMW Mid-Winter Event, Guest Speaker Ms. Carol Barton, in February at Simi Valley UMC.
East District UMW – Calendar 2020

April 17 – 19  POSTPONED UMW Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting at Tempe, Arizona; Theme: “Calling U”

April 25  CANCELLED - East District UMW Social Action Event at Riverside First UMC; Theme: “Hope 4 Youth” Panelists from Youth Organizations: Christopher Dech, Heidi Mayer, Andrea Acosta

June 20  UMW Luncheon at Cal-Pac Annual Conference At Redlands University? (WATCH FOR UPDATES)

July 24-26  POSTPONED - Mission u at Azusa Pacific University (WATCH FOR UPDATES)

September 26  East District UMW Annual Celebration at New Beginnings UMC

October 23-24  Cal-Pac Conference UMW DLTE and Annual Celebration at Anaheim UMC

Because of the issue with the Corona Virus (COVID-19), situations/dates may change. We will keep you posted with any updates. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. Let’s all pray for one another’s safety.
United Methodist Women Purpose

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.